FORECAST

Wilmington and vicinity — Fair and moderate temperature today; Sunday partly cloudy becoming slightly warmer in afternoon.

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REPORTED REJECTION OF U. S. ULTIMATUM BY TITO UNCONFIRMED WASHINGTON SAYS; NEW INTERIM INDIAN GOVERNMENT READY

OPA Sets New Ceilings For Shortenings

Margarine To Cost One Cent Pound More Than June 30 Prices

FLOUR STAYS PUT

Heavy Increases Announced On Passenger Car, Truck Models

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(AP)— OPA Friday night announced its new "recontrol" ceilings on fats and oils, setting prices one cent a pound over June 30 levels on shortenings and margarine when the retail lid goes back September 9.

The agency handed out a fistful of ceiling increases on the busiest day since its rebirth, boosting tire prices two and one half percent and raising the prices of many types of trucks among other actions.

Mixed feeds were tagged for higher prices also. OPA included them with fats and oil in the first batch of new prices on products ordered back under ceiling by the Price Decontrol board Thursday.

Bakers' flour was sent up seven cents per hundred pounds at Minneapolis, and OPA announced that the price to consumers would stay put at the present levels.

But cotton bedspreads and tablecloths went up 20 per cent and white meat Tuna rose three cents a can, while the price agency reported that overalls and other cotton work clothing will climb ten per cent at retail in three to six weeks.

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PRICES IRREGULAR ON TOBACCO MARTS

Sales Reported Blocked On Border Belt; Eastern Belt Rallies

The prices continued irregular on the North Carolina Border Belt tobacco markets. Some leaf grades were reported to be down from $1 to $5 per hundred.

All the markets were blocked as deliveries continued to be heavy. However, the quality of the leaf offered remained about the same as Thursday's offerings. Many tickets were turned as some growers continued to express dissatisfaction with the prices for the lower qualities.

Official Figures

Official figures released for Thursday's sales showed 10,345,004 pounds sold on Border Belt Marts for a season low average of $50.42. Thursday's sales revealed a price drop over Wednesday's sales of 70 cents per hundred pounds.

The Chadbourn market sold 287,146 pounds for $140,473. Heavy sales was reported for Friday with a top price of $80 per hundred. Good cutters were still bringing $67 per hundred pounds, according to Hugh Nance, supervisor of sales.

Willard G. Cole, Tabor City sales supervisor said Friday night that the tobacco market there sold 355,000 pounds of the bright leaf at an approximate average price of $53.50. Nearly 6,000,000 pounds

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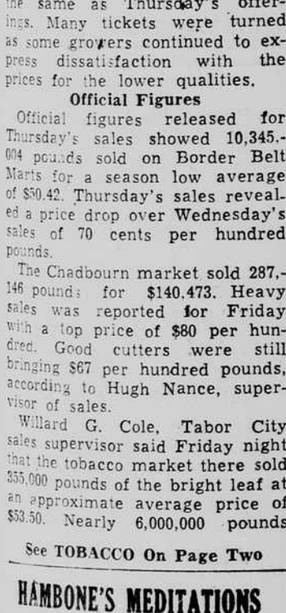
HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley



In New Post

Wallace I. West, shown above, will be coordinator this year of New Hanover High school's Diversified Occupations program after serving for three years as principal of Bradley's Creek school and acting business manager of the county's public schools.

SPECIAL COURSE OFFERED AGAIN

New Hanover High School Renews Diversified Occupations

Diversified occupations will be offered again this year in the New Hanover High school to a limited number of juniors and seniors, according to an announcement yesterday by T. T. Hamilton, principal.

At the same time, he said that Wallace I. West, who for the past three years has served as principal of the Bradley's Creek school and acting business manager of the New Hanover county schools, will serve as cordinator and will direct the program.

Hamilton remarked that diversified occupations is no new course in the school, as New Hanover High was among the first three schools in North Carolina to inaugurate this part-school and part-work program.

During the past eight years, the New Hanover High school has gained statewide recognition for outstanding service in this field of education.

Many Skilled Occupations

In past years, students have received training in radio service, radio operation, auto mechanics, general machine work, refrigeration, auto body repair, dry cleaning, printing, plumbing, journalism, photography, salesmanship, and many other skilled occupations.

Hamilton urged all students who desire further information regarding the course to contact Coordinator Wallace West in the Isaac Bear building, room 201, on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, August 26, 27, and 28, between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 1:00 p. m. Appointments may be made for other hours.

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The Weather

FORECAST

South Carolina — Partly cloudy, little change in temperature Saturday, except not so warm in afternoon. Widely scattered thundershowers over extreme south portion in afternoon.

North Carolina—Saturday fair and a little cooler.

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday.

Temperatures

1:30 a.m. 71; 7:30 a.m. 74; 1:30 p.m. 81.0; 7:30 p.m. 78.

Maximum 83; Minimum 71; Mean 76; Normal 77.

Humidity

1:30 a.m. 95; 7:30 a.m. 93; 1:30 p.m. 71; 7:30 p.m. 91.

Precipitation

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m.—0.40 inches.

Total since the first of the month — 8.05 inches.

Tides For Today

(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).

	High	Low
Wilmington	9:00 a.m.	3:37 a.m.
	9:22 p.m.	3:54 p.m.
Masonboro Inlet	6:52 a.m.	12:40 a.m
	7:11 p.m.	12:56 p.m.

Sunrise 5:40; Sunset 6:49; Moonrise 2:35 a.m.; Moonset 5:43 p.m.

River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a.m., Friday, —— feet.

Viceroy Will Name Cabinet This Morning

Wavell Slate Has Backing Of Strong Congress Party Forces

MOSLEMS OPPOSED

New Disorders, Stabbings Occuring Daily In Riot-Ridden City

NEW DELHI, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Viceroy Lord Wavell will announce Saturday an iterim government of India backed by the Congress party, it was said authoritatively Friday night, despite opposition of the huge Moslem minority which may make it impossible for the government to function.

The new government, intended to place India on the road to independence after nearly two and a half centuries of British rule, excludes Mahomed Ali Jinnah's Moslem league which, demanding a separate state for Moslems, has threatened "direct action', which probably would mean a mass civil disobedience campaign.

The government is expected to assume office about Sept. 1, and the first great test on the path toward independence may come soon after if India's 90,000,000 Moslems hold to their threats.

City Recovering

Calcutta was recovering but slowly from the worst riots in Indian history growing out of the league's "Direct Action Day" demonstrations there. At least six more stab-

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GOVERNOR STOPS TWIN-CITY RIOTS

Quiet Restored After Cherry Effects Release Of Union Leader

WINSTON-SALEM, Aug. 23—(AP)—An angry mob of 3,000 Negro strike sympathizers were dispersed here Thursday night after sharp street fighting between police and pickets at the Piedmont Leaf Tobacco company.

Philip Koritz, director of the United Tobacco Workers local, whose members have been on strike for one month, effected the dispersal after his release from jail under an agreement with Governor R. Gregg Cherry.

Koritz and five pickets were jailed late in the afternoon following a pitched battle between police and strikers.

The fight began when pickets attempted to prevent the entry of a construction company truck into the plant yards.

Police cleared the way for the truck. The picket lines were augumented quickly by hundreds of smypathizers.

Injuries Slight

No one was seriously injured nor hospitalized.

Police used clubs but no guns in clearing a path for a patrol wagon taking Koritz to jail.

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Matter Of Fact

BY STEWART ALSOP

THE ALABAMA TRIUMVIRATE

III

While Joseph Alsop has been writing his series on England, Stewart Alsop has been on an extended trip throughout most of the Southern states. his is the third of several articles by Stewart Alsop on the political situation in the South.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24—While Georgia has moved in one direction with the unappetizing fantic, Eugene Talmadge, near-by Alabama has moved in exactly the opposite direction. There the people have confirmed as the regning political triumvirate three genial, outsized politicians who are firmly opposed to everything Talmadge stands for.

Senator Lister Hill is the senior member of this triumvirate. He is a large, affable man who conceals beneath his surface geniality, great shrewdness and real intelligence. "Raised to politics" by his prosperous family, he entered the Senate in the middle thirties as a moderate conservative, but he has tended more and more to become the leader of the small liberal wing of Southern Congressmen. He has made a real impression in the Senate, and he has been mentioned as a Vice-Presidential possibility for 1948. But it is unlikely that this will ever be more than talk. A national candidate from the deep South would probably cost the Democratic

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Pioneer Telephonists Meet At Beach

The five top officers of the newly-formed Coastal council of the Carolinas council of the Telephone Pioneers of America conferred last night just before the dinner that concluded the council's one-day convention at Carolina Beach last night. The Telephone Pioneers are all veterans of at least 21 years service in their industry. Seated, reading left around the table, are O. G. Bain, manager of the Wilmington office of the Southern Bell Telephone company and new president of the Coastal council; E. B. Boovy, of Charlotte, secretary of the Carolinas chapter of the pioneer wiremen's group; E. W. Olschner, of Tarboro, president of the Carolinas chapter; Mrs. Frances Gibson, of Rockingham, vice president of the council; and George C. Baltzegar, of Wilmington, its new secretary-treasurer.

BOST DISCLOSES N.O.R. UNIT PLANS

Organization To Be Activated Shortly, Representative Says

Wilmington's U. S. Naval Organized Reserves unit will be activated "very shortly," Lieut. Henry C. Bost, district representative, announced yesterday.

To this end the district office, located in Room 243 in the Customshouse, now stands ready to effect enlistments and re-enlistments in Class V-6, USNR, Lieutenant Bost said. The lists are open to Navy, Army, Marine, and Coast Guard male personnel.

From these enlistments and re-enlistments the unit's strength of 10 officers and 200 enlisted men will be chosen, and the remainder will be put on inactive duty, Lieutenant Bost continued.

Ten billets for active duty with the unit are open now. These include Shikpkeepers and Stationkeepers. The office is also particularly interested in signing on a Chief Shipfitter, Chief Boatswain's mate, and a Quartermaster for full-time duty.

Ex-Waves Also

Lieutenant Bost is also handling re-enlistments for Waves in Class V-10, USNR, for inactive duty. His office takes care of the entire procedlure, including the swearing-in oath.

Re-enlistment of ex-Waves is also

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PIONEERS ALL

Telephone Council Holds Session Here

O. G. Bain, Manager Of Wilmington Office Of Southern Bell Elected Head Of Carolinas Chapter Unit

O. G. Bain, manager of the Wilmington office of the Southern Bell Telephone company, was elected president of the newly-organized Coastal council of the Carolinas Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America at a one-day convention which closed at Carolina Beach last night.

The council, whose members are all veterans of at least 21 years of service in the telephone industry, embraces five Southern North Carolina cities. Its organization was formulated at the business session of the annual joint meeting of the Hamlet and Wilmington clubs of the Carolinas chapter at the Bame Hotel in Carolina Beach.

George C. Baltzegar, retiring president of the Wilmington club, was elected secretary-treasury of the new council. Mrs. Francis Gibson, of Rockingham, is its vice president.

77 Members

Coastal council membership will consist of 77 telephonic veterans in Lumberton, Hamlet, Rockingham, Wrightsville Beach, and Wilmington.

Its new officers were guests last night at an informal, speech-free steak dinner which constituted their meeting's closing event.

The 90 persons attending the dinner included some 40 telephone pioneers ranging in service from 45 years experienced by Forrest Berry, of Kure's Beach, retired office manager of the Wilmington

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Ten Ships Here

Ten surplus merchant ships are now moored in the Brunswick river lay-up basin, it was learned yesterday.

The total number of such vessels stored in the U. S. Maritime commission's reserve fleet anchorages along the nation's coasts is now about 1,600, according to Washington reports.

The latest ship to arrive in the local basin is the S. S. Jordan, which was tied up Thursday night. Other vessels which arrived recently include the S. S. Edward W. Bok S. S. Roger Sherman, S. S. Joe C. S. Blackburn, and S. S. Antoin Dvorak, all Liberty ships.

Along The Cape Fear

NINE YEAR ERROR — Either we or the linotype operator or the proofreader or all three made a serious mistake in Thursday's story about the Wilmington Morning Star's first home over a grocery store on Water street between Market and Dock streets.

The Star was founded in this humble attic on September 23, 1867. By some quirk peculiar to the newspaper trade — we repeat that we don't know whom to blame — the 1867 got switched around to 1876 in Thursday's story.

It's really nothing unusual to lose or gain nine years in the newspaper business, and we probably never would have noticed the error if a Cape Fear lady hadn't called it to our attention.

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SHERLOCK SLEUTHING — The lady's name is Mrs. Christine Youngblood, and she lives at 914 Nun street. And her method in detecting the error has all the fine sleuthing flavor of the Sherlock Holmes tradition.

Sensing that the 1876 date was wrong, she immediately routed out a copy of the Lincoln Progress, a newspaper her grandfather gave her when she was a little girl.

The date of the paper — it was published in Lincolnton many years ago — is February 14, 1874. In this paper she found an advertisement for the Wilmington Morning Star which announced that The Star had been founded in 1867.

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FROM $7 TO FREE That isn't all the advertisement had to say about The Star, however. It gave a list of subscription rates as follows: One year, $7; six months, $3.50; and three months, $2.

Major William H. Bernard, the military gentleman who founded the paper, announced further in the ad that the Weekly Star had been merged with the Carolina Farmer at the following subscription rates: One year, $1.50; six months, $1; for clubs of five to 10 people, $1.25 per year and for clubs of 10 or more people, $1 per year.

Major Bernard also said free specimens would be sent upon application.

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NEW MEAT TIEUP NOW THREATENED

Action Of WSB In Wage Case Causes Unrest In Maritime Circles

CHICAGO, Aug. 23—(AP)— The nation's meat packing industry was faced Friday with the threat of a possible new strike tieup.

The CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America filed 30-day strike notices against the nation's major and most of the smaller independents having contracts with the union.

The filing of strike notices does not "necessarily indicate" a strike will occur, said Ralph Heistein, union president, but he added:

"If, in the negotiations, however, it should develop that the packers are unwilling to give the consideration which the union's proposals deserve, our membership will have no other recourse than to resort to strike action."

The nation's meat supplies were curtailed sharply last January when the CIO and AFL unions called 268,000 workers off the job for about 10 days. The workers returned after the government seized the packing plants January 26. They were granted wage increases averaging 16 1-2 cents an hour.

No Progress

Helstein said the notices were filed after a "full round" of negotiations with the Swift, Armour, Wilson and Cudahy Packing companies that resulted in "no progress."

The notices involved the Swift, Armour, Wilson, Cudahy and John Morrell Packing companies, Hygrade Food Products corporation, and most of the smaller independent packing companies having contracts with the union.

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SEEING THINGS!

"Ball Of Fire With Tail" Startles Wilmingtonians

A "ball of fire with a tail" streaked out of the southwest at 7:25 p. m. last night, hissed swiftly over Wilmington, and disappeared in a bright glow to the northeast, according to many telephone calls which poured in to the Star's newsroom from eye-witnesses.

Fifteen minutes later, at 7:40 p. m. the Associated Press reported that a similar or the same "ball of fire" flashed past Durham, but if it was the same one it had reversed directions because the Durham report said it was headed toward Raleigh.

The first local eye-witnesses to phone the Star about the mysterious phenomenon were the operators at the Tide Water Power company's plant on the waterfront at Surrey and Castle streets.

Parallel Flight

"It was about 400 or 500 feet off the ground," one operator said, "and it streaked like a meteor from the southwest toward the northeast. I don't see how it could be a meteor, though, because it seemed to be traveling parallel with the ground instead of falling."

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Dean Acheson Keeps Silent On Questions

Undersecretary Of State Refers Reporters To Document Text

FEARS FOR AIRMEN

Yugoslavs Hold Turk On 'Non-Accidental' Flight Contention

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(AP) — State department officials said Friday they had no official confirmation of a Yugoslav press agency report that Marshal Tito had decided to reject this country's ultimatum.

Undersecretary Dean Acheson declined at a jam-packed news conference to comment on the report, published in Paris.

Acheson also declined to say whether Yugoslavia's release of a group of American airmen served to satisfy completely the United States' 48-hour ultimatum.

Neither would say whether the United States will present its case, involving two attacks by Yugoslav fighter planes on American transports, to the United Nations Security council for action.

To repeat questions on both points he referred reporters to the ultimatum itself, which said the United States government "will determine its course in the light of the evidence" and the efforts of Yugoslavia "to right the wrong done."

Acheson acknowledged there

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TRUMAN HAS LUCK WITH FISH POLES

President Hooks Deepsea Beauties Off Shores Of Old Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Aug. 23.—(AP)— President Truman starred Friday in his second fishing trip since entering the White House, catching three out of the eight fish pulled in by his party.

Never an ardent fisherman, he surprised Press Secretary Charles G. Ross by catching the first fish and greatest poundage.

Naval Aide Captain James H. Foskett caught four.

Master Fisherman George E. Allen, the RFC director, who sponsored the expedition, caught none.

The president's first catch, ten minutes after he put out his line, was a red hind of three pounds, native to this water. Later he caught a four pound black and yellow-striped fish called a school master.

Wise-cracked Major Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, the President's military aide, "if he had put his mind on it might have caught a school superintendent."

Rockfish Netted

A six and half pound rockfish, was Mr. Truman's third catch.

It was the President's first fishing trip since his unsuccessful venture at Puget Sound in June, 1945.

The Presidential party boarded the Manana, boat of Rear Admiral

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And So To Bed

Yesterday afternoon an egg from the chickenyard of Mrs. N. H. Phillips, 513 S. Second street, was brought into The Star's newsroom. It was a huge specimen, and when it was broken open another smaller egg was found inside.

Last night an egg from the chickenyard of Police Sgt. E. J. Hale, 711 Grace street, was brought into The Star's newsroom. It also was a huge specimen, and when it was broken open another smaller egg was also found inside.

This would seem to bear out the truth of the old saying that there's always a female behind an inside job.